

Blackhawk Christian School

Preparing Hearts and Minds to Serve Christ

Fast Facts

The School

Blackhawk Christian School (BCS) is a college preparatory, inter-denominational Christian school. The school was founded in 1973 by Dr. David Jeremiah and enrolls approximately 700 students in our K-12th and Early Childhood programs. Blackhawk Christian admits students of any race, national origin or gender and does not discriminate on this basis in its educational policies, financial aid, athletics or other school-administered programs.

Mission

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Area Churches Represented

Blackhawk Christian School is thankful for the opportunity to educate students from more than 80 local churches. The 10 most represented churches currently include: Blackhawk Ministries, Brookside, Central Church, Fellowship Missionary, Grace Gathering, Grace Point Nazarene, North Park Community, Pathway Community, St. Joseph UMC and The Chapel.

Accreditation

Blackhawk Christian School is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education as a Freeway School and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Instructional Divisions

Blackhawk Christian School is divided into four instructional divisions:
Early Childhood (ages 2 ½-5), Elementary (K-6th), Middle School (7th-8th) and High School (9th-12th).

Faculty

All Blackhawk Christian School's faculty has a minimum of a Bachelor degree with the majority also having a Masters. The average teaching experience is 15 years with lead teachers averaging 20 years experience.

Class Size

The average class size at the secondary level is 23 students with most classes ranging from 25-30 students. Elementary classes range from 22-28 students. Early Childhood classes range from 10-16 students with 2 teachers.

Student Retention Rate

Blackhawk Christian School's retention rate is approximately 93%. (Retention rate represents enrolled students returning from one year to the next.)

ISTEP Info

Over the past 5 years, grades 3rd-8th have passed ISTEP+ at an average rate of: Language = 92% and Math = 96%. 100% of all tested 8th grade students passed the Algebra 1 ECA the past two years.

ACT & SAT Five Year Averages

ACT Results

BCS Average Composite.....24.0
State Average Composite.....21.9
National Average Composite.....20.9

SAT Results

BCS Average Total.....1613
State Average Composite.....1470
National Average Composite.....1498

Graduation Requirements (Semesters)

	<u>Core 40</u>	<u>Academic Honors</u>		<u>Core 40</u>	<u>Academic Honors</u>
Bible	8	8	Health	1	1
English	8	8	Fine Arts	0	2
Math	6	8	World Language	0	6
Science	6	6	Electives	5	0
Social Studies	6	6	Total	42	47
Physical Education	2	2			

Advanced Placement & College Dual Credit

Blackhawk Christian School offers AP courses in Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry and US History. Approximately 50% of BCS graduates in recent years completed at least one AP exam, passing 60% of them with scores of 3 or above. College dual credit courses through Grace College and Indiana Wesleyan University are also offered on campus including Biblical Studies, Biology, English Literature, English Composition, Fine Arts, Leadership, Psychology, Public Speaking and U.S. History.

Internships

Blackhawk Christian School's Professional Career Internship Program is a partnership with local professionals and organizations to expose Blackhawk students to potential career pathways. Some of our expanding intern sites include: Parkview Regional Hospital, New Haven Pet Hospital, WBCL and STAR 88.3 Radio, Indiana Physical Therapy, and various educational institutions from pre-kindergarten through high school years. This experience supplements our student's competitiveness in both postsecondary pursuits and career endeavors.

College Selection

The graduates of BCS each year typically enroll in 20 colleges in seven states, with nearly 90% attending four-year institutions. The highest numbers enroll at Purdue, Ball State, and IPFW. Another 30% of the graduates attend Christian universities such as Cedarville, Grace, Huntington, Indiana Wesleyan and Wheaton. Recent graduates have also attended the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, the Naval Academy in Annapolis and the Military Academy at West Point.

Athletics and Co-curricular

Blackhawk Christian School is a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). Boys have the opportunity to participate athletically in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer and Tennis while the Girls compete in Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball. Athletic achievements include three Indiana Baseball State Championships, Boys' Basketball State Runner-up and numerous Sectional Championships. Blackhawk Christian also offers strong programs in service and leadership development, choral and instrumental music, and theatre: recent productions include *Oklahoma!*, *Seussical: the Musical*, *Peter Pan*, *Annie*, *Get Smart*, *The Great Sebastian*, and *Hello, Dolly*, *Little Women the Musical*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Aida*, and *The Whiz*.

Administration

Linda Pearson, Lead Administrator
Mark Harmon, Middle/High School Principal
Tim Wiegand, Elementary Principal
Laurie Bland, Director of Early Childhood
Jeff Kowatch, Director of Student Services
Deb Graf, Director of Guidance
Steve Wild, Finance Director

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